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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: Chief, Budget Division

SUBJECT: Funds for Extension of the George Washington
Memorial Parkway

1. After both the Bureau of Public Roads and the National Park Service indicated verbally to representatives of the Budget Division, CIA, that the \$8,000,000 available for extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway was insufficient and after receiving a request for an increase in the Bureau of Public Road's apportionment for FY 1958 in excess of available funds, the Budget Division suggested a meeting of budget and program personnel of the agencies concerned. The following individuals were present at this meeting:

Bureau of Public Roads

E. F. Allen
Thomas D. Cook
Harold A. Liebert

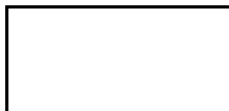
National Park Service

H. Langley
H. G. Pipes
Carl O. Walker
Merel S. Sager
J. F. DeLay

National Capital Planning Commission

Robert W. Andrews
Robert C. Horne

Central Intelligence Agency



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2. Mr. H. Langley, Chief, Programs and Plans Control, National Park Service, began by stating the purpose of the meeting and indicating that it would be necessary to seek additional funds in the form of a supplemental appropriation to meet the revised estimates for completion of the Parkway. Exhibit A was offered as the present cost estimate. [redacted] reminded Mr. Langley of a previous meeting during which the validity of the estimates was discussed and the conclusion reached that the National Park Service might be faced with the need of providing additional funds to complete the Parkway to Langley and that this might require an internal adjustment in their program. Mr. Langley and others present, while they were vaguely aware of such a discussion, had been unable to find any record of it and were unable to make any commitment at present concerning the possible methods of financing the increased costs. He suggested that the National Park Service initiate a letter informing CIA of the situation and requesting the required additional funds as a basis for action. [redacted] suggested that such a letter contain a definite statement concerning their capacity to bear this added cost and that the letter be supported by a complete and detached schedule of the revised requirements. Mr. Langley agreed to submitting a schedule, but stated that they would not be able to consider internal financing (i.e., financing from other National Park Service funds now programmed for other parkways) unless it was definitely determined that CIA would be unwilling to obtain the necessary additional funds.

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3. [redacted] pointed out some of the various problems involved in CIA sponsorship of any supplemental substantive legislation and appropriations and expressed his personal opinion that, in view of experience on the building budget, the Director would be extremely reticent about presenting a request for increased funds for the Parkway. They were reminded that the language of CIA's building appropriation contains a definite limitation of \$8,500,000 for the extension of the Parkway.

4. The question was raised by Mr. Langley whether CIA considered it their responsibility to provide the additional funds necessary to construct the extension of the Parkway. [redacted] replied that although this question had not been discussed to his knowledge it was his view that the responsibility for the extension of the Parkway rested with the National Park Service. He also stated that the funds were obtained in a CIA appropriation since that was a convenient method and also that the additional funds were to be made available in this manner only if it was decided to build at the present site. The legislative history concerning the appropriation of funds as related to the selection of the site was reviewed. The National Park Service representatives stated that if they had to re-program their other activities and utilize some of their other funds to complete the construction of the extension of the Parkway it would delay their over-all program. The reply was made that the CIA could not agree with that view and pointed out that they had been provided \$8,000,000 with which to extend this particular Parkway which they would not have otherwise

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received, thus, rather than retarding their program, we felt that it had been substantially advanced. After some discussion the other agencies concurred in this view.

5. The National Park Service will initiate a letter to CIA setting forth the present estimated requirements. In the meantime it was agreed that the present FY 1958 apportionment request would be augmented prior to March 31, 1958 by an additional \$120,000 now projected for FY 1959, postponing final adjustment until the policy and operating determinations are worked out.

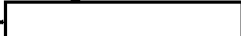


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